Minutes of the Proceedings of The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County, Colorado August 10, 2023

In attendance:

Erik Stone, County Commissioner/Chair Bob Campbell, County Commissioner/Vice-Chair Dan Williams, County Commissioner Ross Herzog, County Administrator Paul Hurcomb, County Attorney Stephanie Kees, Clerk & Recorder

1. 9:19 a.m. Convene in Regular Session:

The Board of County Commissioners of Teller County convened in regular session in the Teller County Centennial Building in Cripple Creek, CO.

Mr. Stone presided.

Mr. Williams gave the invocation.

Ms. Frankie Ashton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Action: Mr. Williams moved, and Mr. Campbell seconded, to **approve** the minutes of the meeting of the Teller County Board of County Commissioners on July 27, 2023, as presented. All Commissioners voted yes.

Accounts Payable:

Action: Mr. Campbell moved, and Mr. Williams seconded, that the Board **approve** the accounts payable run date of August 8, 2023, in the amount of \$1,131,986.33. All Commissioners voted yes.

Board Reports:

Mr. Williams:

- Attended the Arkansas Water Basin board meeting in Pueblo and reported that the water levels are up, and the States involved are working on setting restrictions.
- He announced that Cripple Creek will hold the Donkey Derby Days event this weekend and he and Commissioner Campbell help with the pancake breakfast.
- Attended the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) meeting. The date for the Light of Hope event will be October 4th at 7:30 p.m. at the Ute Pass Culture Center. The fundraising event has a goal of \$35,000, all of the funds remain in our local community, and they have received approximately \$10,000 to date.
- He announced the Veterans Rally event will be held August 18-20.
- On August 19, at 12:30, there will be a dedication of a memorial honoring our Afghanistan veterans at Memorial Park in Woodland Park.
- On August 20 there will be a remembrance ceremony at the Memorial Wall at the Mt. Pisgah Cemetery in Cripple Creek. No new names need to be added this year.



Mr. Campbell:

- He has been assisting the Pikes Peak Workforce (PPWF) with its federal audit.
- He has been attending meetings with Colorado Technical Services, Inc (CTSI).
- He participated in many activities at the Teller County Fair with the other Commissioners, including judging and grading 4-H participants, attended the livestock auction, and they served over 300 steak dinners to buyers and participants involved with the livestock auction. He is looking forward to the fairgrounds renovations to occur in the upcoming year. He thanked the Fair Board and volunteers for their coordination and efforts.
- Reported that the Commissioners met as the County Board of Equalization (CBOE) last week to make final determinations of value on appeals of property valuations.

Mr. Stone:

- Reported on the CBOE hearings last week on over 150 accounts and discussed the statutory role of the CBOE and the requirement to use market values.
- Attended a Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) meeting and
 received updates on highway construction projects. The Highway 24 project from
 Green Mountain Falls to Edlowe Road is approximately 1/3 complete; the project
 on north Highway 67 is occasionally down to one lane causing delays; the road
 closures in Florissant Canyon are complete but some roadwork is still ongoing;
 and that the Colorado Department of Transportation is investing funds for
 highway projects in Teller County.
- PPACG is preparing for the next legislative session, and he is on a committee that
 will recommend changes to the Construction Defect Action Reform Act
 (CDARA) to make it affordable to build condominiums in Colorado. This
 committee hosted a successful stakeholders meeting with the State Homebuilders
 Association, Pikes Peak Homebuilders Association, South Denver Metro Housing
 Association, County Commissioners from the Front Range, and legislators.
- Commented on the County Fair and praised the 4-H kids for how they worked and helped each other as a team. Reported that the Commissioners purchased 4 animals and the auction: 2 sheep, a pig and a steer.

Elected Officials Report:

Mark Czelusta, Treasurer/Public Trustee

- Gave update on tax collections.
- His office is preparing for the tax lien sales in November, and he explained the statutory process of how to participate in the tax lien sale.

Carol Kittelson, Assessor

- Thanked the Commissioners, administration, IT and Clerk and Recorder's office for their assistance in working on the County Board of Equalization hearings.
- Reported that her staff appraisers will resume their work in the field doing
 property appraisals and they will be readily identifiable with Teller County
 Assessor's Office apparel and will carry their office identification and credentials.

The Commissioners expressed appreciation for Ms. Kittelson and her staff.

